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# Target Talk

Newsletter of the Long Beach Casting Club, Established 1925

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## Leader's Line

# Home Sweet Home

**CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT**

**D**o you realize how fortunate we are to have our clubhouse and casting pond? Guest speakers and out-of-town guests often comment about our enviable facilities. While it's easy to take these two assets for granted, they have a very interesting history.

## OUR CASTING POND

There was no casting pool for the earliest club members, so they cast in a park, on the beach, and on the lawn in front of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce on Sundays and holidays.

In the early 1930s, Pete Morbocker, Long Beach Park Superintendent, offered the use of some city land to LBCC. At the time, it was overgrown with underbrush, and dead or burned trees. Pete wanted to clean up the eyesore, and the only way he could justify the work was to prepare it for a user-group. LBCC had a home—sort of.

LBCC members dug a hole in the ground and filled it with water to create the first casting pond, a 130 foot diameter circle. The \$700 total cost was shared equally with the city and work was completed just in time for the 1932 Special Olympics Tournament. Unfortunately, it didn't hold water. Next, someone had the idea to line the pond with asphalt, which worked just fine until the heat of summer. On warm days, the

asphalt would let go of globs of crude oil, which would float to the top. It was likened to casting in the La Brea tar pits.

In 1933, the asphalt was removed, and the pond was lined with concrete. The casting walk was build around the pond in 1938, and a year later the first floodlights were installed for night casting. The club paid for all these things.

By 1946, the board realized that the pond would not be adequate for the American Casting Association Tournament to be held in Long Beach the following year. Having just spent \$20,000 on the clubhouse, there were no funds for a new pond. The city manager commented that *"Any club with faith enough to build a \$20,000 clubhouse with the city holding the title deserved [his] support."* He pulled together enough city funds (\$9,000) to build the 130 by 265 foot oval casting pond we know today. It was completed just days before the 1947 national tournament, with Joan Salvato (Wulff) featured in

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# Updating the 5 weight Combination A&D Game

MARK LIPE, MEMBER

The 5 weight Combination Accuracy and Distance game has recently been modified. The reason for these changes was to correct the length of the line from 80' to 88', the intended minimum length of the line. The language was also clarified noting unrestricted backing and a clearer definition of the running line making it easier for casters to select a proper line and for tournament officials to verify that the line meets the specifications. Listed below are the changes adopted by the ACA Executive Board:

*C) Line: The line shall consist of optional, unrestricted backing and a floating, weight-forward fly line that meets the following specifications:*

*i) Length: The fly line must be at least 88' long. The front 88" must be one piece and free of splices.*

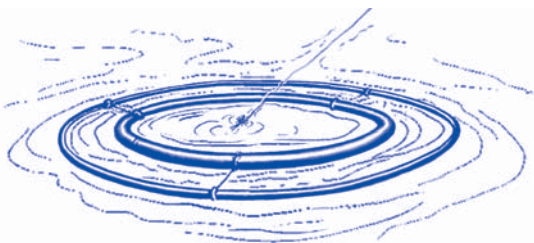
*ii) Running line: The part of the fly line between 42" and 88" from the tip is considered running line. It must be level except for manufacturing tolerances. The diameter of the running line may not be less than 0.031" and not more than 0.037".*

*iii) Head: The head is the heavy front part of the weight-forward fly line including the tip section and all tapers. The head must be 35" to 42" long, i.e. the diameter of the level running line must be reached no less than 35' and no more than 42' from the tip of the fly line.*

*iv) Weight: The mass of the first forty feet (40') of the fly line plus the mass of the leader shall not exceed 12.50 grams (193 grains).*

*v) Specific gravity: All parts of the fly line must be of floating material.*

The line shall meet the above specifications without stretching after it is stripped from the reel for verification by tournament officials. Please refer to the ACA website [americancastingassoc.org](http://americancastingassoc.org) for all casting game rules.



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# Nothing to Report

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

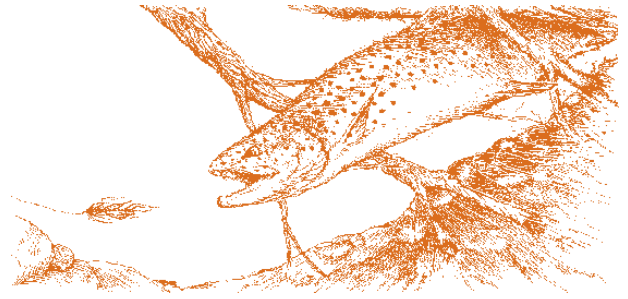
**I**t's in our job description. As Second Vice Presidents, we are expected to report on each club outing. Gary did not go over President's Day weekend but went the following weekend. He chose a different roommate. So I humbly report alone.

This year we were joined by three other clubs: Deep Creek, Sierra Pacific and Visalia. Plus Joe had five in his nymphing class. And then there were the locals. The picnic area near where Dan Rivett had a 40 fish day in January was occupied by fourteen mobile homes with chairs, awnings, ATV's, bicycles and blaring boomboxes. Fortunately, they were all bait fishers.

Unlike the January trip where we didn't begin removing layers of wind stoppers and goose down until lunchtime, this month it was shirtsleeve weather as early as 8:00 AM. Left behind were the woolen gloves to be replaced by sun gloves. What a gorgeous day!

We met at the footbridge in Pleasant Valley Campground on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM as usual; at least a few of us did. Again, no professed beginners. Howard Uller, a new member, and Milt Huber, an old-I mean long time-member, went off to fish. Van Lloyd, another new member, rigged up and went downstream. Bill Luther rigged up and drove away. I waited in the parking lot for the less experienced to show up. No one did. But the surprise was neither did the "more experienced". If we had any beginners, there would have been no deputy assistant instructors available.

I quit waiting shortly before 9 o'clock and drove away to fish. I chose the first turnout on Chalk Bluff Road that didn't have a dozen cars parked. That was several miles down river. I caught a few on nymphs in the morning but nothing in the afternoon.



On Saturday night we dined at the Pizza Factory in a private room. All twelve people who attended were there and Joe brought the five from his nymphing clinic. Everyone admitted to having a tough time finding fish but everyone claimed to have caught a few. Royal Wulff caught his on dries.

Breakfast with Joe was at 6:00 AM on Sunday. He took pity on me and told me of a secret spot where I could fish with dry flies. It was overcast and the hatch was fairly constant so I fished all morning, practicing casting upstream and down, throwing curve casts, pile casts and stack mends. We should put fish in the pond; what a great motivation to practice casting! I caught a steady if limited quantity of trout. After lunch, I went home. That was the trip that I experienced.

In the end, it appears that the "experienced" anglers in the club have discovered that if they avoid me, their names do not appear in print and their foibles are not disclosed to the Sunshine Committee. To be fair, Jeff Sadler and Al Ross, fishing together for the weekend, did suggest that I use the radio set at the club frequency on Sunday so that we could meet and fish later in the morning. I had the radio of course but no fresh batteries! And Joe's secret spot was far away from the crowd.

That is my required report. It is probably a relief to many of you that I have nothing to report. Then again, it still took up space. As someone wrote:

*"No other sport has a looser relationship with the truth—or with rulers."*

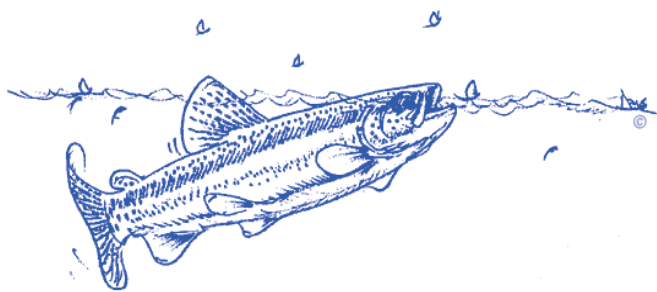
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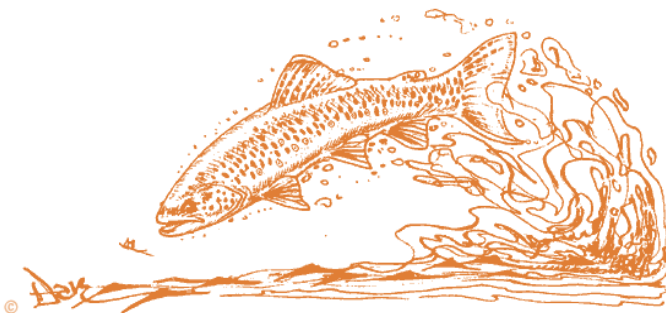
## OUR CLUBHOUSE

The first clubhouse was a palm-thatched pergola, in which casters and their families had picnics after casting sessions. It also served as a storeroom for casting supplies. In 1933, President Carl Wiand negotiated exclusive use of a log cabin that stood near the pool for storage of target rings and other equipment. It is said that termites got the best of this structure.

The 1933 Long Beach Earthquake destroyed the headquarters of the city's fire department, so a temporary building was erected as an office for the fire chief. Once permanent quarters were constructed for the chief in 1935, several of our members, many of whom were firemen, set their sights on the temporary building. Other organizations were covetous of the then surplus structure, so our representatives moved the building during the night to Recreation Park. Despite this chicanery, the City of Long Beach dedicated the clubhouse to the "exclusive use" of LBCC later in 1935. This building still stands; it and its porch face the casting pond.



From 1942 until 1944, the Army took over the park and appropriated our clubhouse as officers' quarters. After the war ended in 1945, arrangements were made with the city to purchase one of the old Army barracks buildings in the park and move it to the club site. The city built the



foundation, but members raised \$30,000 to tear down the barracks, move it, and rebuild it—in two days. Today, this building is our classroom.

As with any structure, there has been much remodeling. The fireplace was built in 1939 with rocks brought home by members from hunting and fishing trips all over the country. The large trophy cases were built with the profits from the 1947 ACA Tournament. The cloakroom addition was built by the club in 1950. Seven years later, the paved roadway off 7<sup>th</sup> Street was installed, and the parking area behind the clubhouse was put in. The club replaced the pond lights with mercury vapor floodlights at each end of the pond in 1964. A final addition was begun in 1996 and completed in 1997 that included the library and two bathrooms at a cost in excess of \$30,000 in addition to a lot of donated materials and labor.

There are photographs on the north wall of the classroom building that show the clubhouse and pond in most of the configurations just described.

Since 1925, members of this club have raised many tens of thousands of dollars, and invested many tens of thousands of hours of sweat equity in our clubhouse and pond. We must never take either for granted as we continue to care for them.

## THE END

Don't forget to attend the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, April 5. The Board of Directors will give a summary of what we've accomplished this year and plans for the future. You will also



have an opportunity to nominate and vote for the 2007-2008 Board of Directors.

Now that my year as president is coming to an end, I must thank all of you who help with all the club activities and projects. There is such a wealth of knowledge in this club among people who do not hesitate to share that knowledge. You really are an amazing group.

It has been an exciting year that included hosting the American Casting Association National Tournament, supporting the Baghdad School of Fly Fishing, and planning Project Healing Waters. We put on exemplary casting, tying and rod building clinics that are, as always, free to the public, and we've had casting games all year. We've had an amazing variety of club trips and monthly speakers, and the 2006 Venison Stag set a new standard of excellence. Our wonderful volunteers have re-tiled the kitchen counter and one bathroom, installed new planters outside the clubhouse, and kept the pond in good condition. I couldn't possibly name everyone, but please know that your efforts are so very much appreciated.

In closing, it has been such an honor to be President of Long Beach Casting Club, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity.



## Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2006

**DENNIS MC TEER, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Here is a list of the Long Beach Casting Club's Monthly Programs as they are currently scheduled. We have a great cast of presenters who will offer entertaining and informative programs. Unless noted otherwise Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM.

DATE	SPEAKER/TOPIC
April 5, 2007	Board of Directors
	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>
April 26, 2007	Pat Jaeger
	<b>HIGH WATER TACTICS</b>
May 31, 2007	Conway Bowman
	<b>FLY FISHING THE RAGGED EDGE</b>
June 28, 2007	Jimmie Morales
	<b>Fishing the WESTERN SIERRAS</b>
July 26, 2007	Mas Okui
	<b>HOT CREEK</b>
August 24, 2007 (Friday)	Ken Iwamasa
	<b>IWAMASA FLIES</b>
August 25, 2007 (Saturday)	Ken Iwamasa
	<b>FLY TYING WORKSHOP</b>
September 27, 2007	Chris King
	<b>NOR-CAL STEELHEAD</b>
October 26, 2007 (Friday)	Rick Hafele
	<b>UNDERSTANDING EMERGERS</b>
October 27, 2007 (Saturday)	Rick Hafele
	<b>WESTERN HATCHES WORKSHOP</b>

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# Now What?

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

In the August and October 2005 editions of Target Talk I offered some humble advice to two new anonymous members and a gray haired member respectively on what to do to improve their knowledge and fishing skills. I first suggested joining us on trips as well as taking all of the courses offered by the club. Because the gray haired gentlemen had already done the latter, I also suggested some reading and video watching from the materials in the club library. They are available free to members.

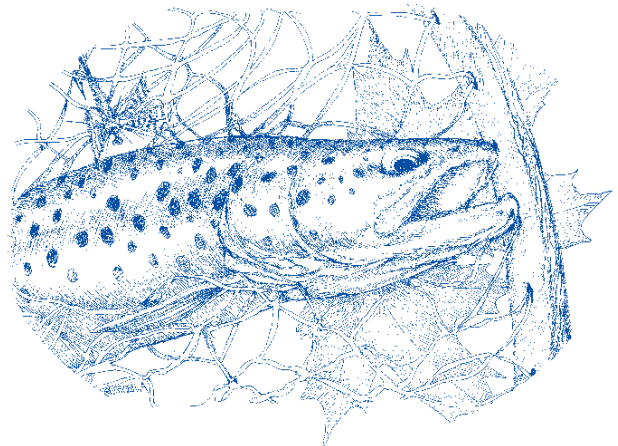
I return to the same topic this year because a new group of fly fishers have emerged and have sought the same advice after attending the ON THE RIVER CLINIC and the two trips to the Lower Owens. The enthusiasm to progress is there and the basic advice remains the same—FISH! We hold ten to twelve fishing trips each year to local but varying waters to assist in developing your skills. They are inexpensive and don't require that you exhaust your vacation time. You might want to delay the destination trips until your casting skills are fairly polished. While we try to keep the costs down there, too, with a boat, guide, tips, food and travel, the dollars spent may not produce the memories you want if you are still working on casting basics.

A lot of water has flowed down the rivers, however, and there are new books and videos to recommend. My favorites for a neophyte remain Maggie Merriman's DVD FLY FISHING TROUT STREAMS and Doug Swisher's SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES FOR SELECTIVE TROUT both of which teach you how to cast around the clock. They show you how and where to cast or mend depending on your position in the river and the direction you need to cast to that trophy trout taking into account the movement of the current. Gary Borger's FLY FISHING FOR TROUT introduces you

to fish behavior, entomology and more advanced casting. All three are found in the club library.

Craig Mathews' WESTERN FLY FISHING STRATEGIES is now out in paperback. Originally published in 1998, this is a complete encyclopedia of methods to catch fish in the greater Yellowstone area that just happen to apply throughout the West. He offers advice on seasonal hatches, what to look for when the fish are not surface feeding and presents lists of specific bugs and fly patterns to match.

Al Kyte wrote the second edition to FLY FISHING SIMPLE TO Sophisticated twenty years ago. The first edition is long out of print. He starts you fishing down and across with a wet fly, introducing you to moving water. He then adds conflicting currents and complexity to the water, changes the rig and adjusts the fishing method. He takes you through all types of currents and discovers with you the best methods to use. In between you are examining your casting and observing the adjustments you must make for fishing. While pretty at the pond, an overhead cast with a narrow loop is not always the most efficient of fishing casts. His most recent book is the ORVIS GUIDE TO BETTER CASTING and it's scheduled to be released in March 2007.



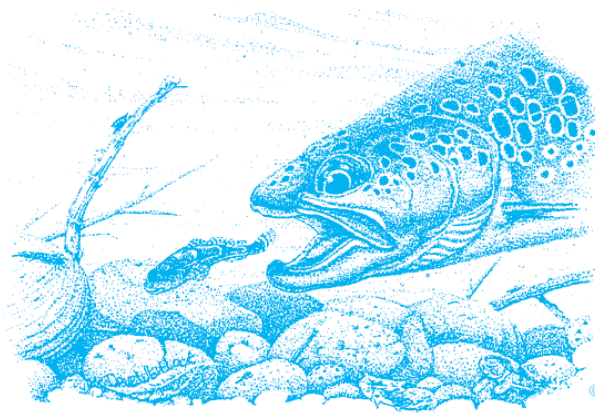
Ralph Cutter published FISH FOOD in 2005. Its goal he wrote is to "...stop you from fishing...stop you from fishing long enough to open your eyes and question reality." It is an attempt to catalog all manner of food available to fish that might be replicated by a fly. It is not deeply scientific and is

written in a light a humorous tone. But it is chock full of facts. He also admits the possibility of mistakes because many of the observations are just that...a short lived view of a complicated insect world.

Dave Hughes' book on *READING THE WATER* is a paperback bible on all types of waters, large and small. His most recent book, released last month, is *TROUT RIGS AND Methods*. He looks at each type of river system and explains what equipment to use, and how to rig up and what presentation casts will work best. He takes you through the life cycle of aquatic insects and offers suggestions on flies and delivery.

New to my video shelf are three DVD's. Chris King (Sacramento River Outfitters in Redding) produced two new DVD's. Volume I of *NEXT LEVEL FLY FISHING* is on Bass and *NEXT LEVEL FLY FISHING VOLUME II* is presented with Kevin Peterson on Mammoth. It covers Hot Creek, the San Joaquin and Crowley Lake. This is not a travelogue, rather they teach the methods and rigs most successfully used on those venues. Chris is also planning a DVD on the Intermountain Region, featuring Hat Creek, Fall River, and the Pit River. A saltwater video is also in the planning stage.

Guy Jeans (Kern River Troutfitter in Kernville) has just released *SIERRA FLY FISHING VOLUME I*; *THE LOWER KERN RIVER*. This is the stretch of river below Lake Isabella. He covers dead drift nymphing and Czech Nymphing and then explains Kern Czech Nymphing. The Lower Kern holds huge, vibrant trout that dine on threadfin shad escaping from Lake Isabella. The river also holds smallmouth bass. Guy has already finished the filming of his next video on the Golden Trout Wilderness, where I accompanied him on a horse pack trip a while back—the memories still hurt! He was filmed catching large Kern River Rainbows and Goldens in the deep forests of the pristine Kern River Valley. He says that Stormy won a reprieve from the glue factory and is featured in the film. Guy also reports that he has cajoled Maria Rivas into making the trip this year.



It is great that we are now getting quality educational videos filmed on local waters. Watching these experts catch beautiful trout in our local venues is a real treat. It will have you packing your bags and making reservations. Which brings us back to the beginning: the best way to improve is to join us fishing.

## Plan Now For Great Fishing

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**H**ere's the line up for club fishing trips for this year and next. We need you to join us! I hate catching all those fish without witnesses.

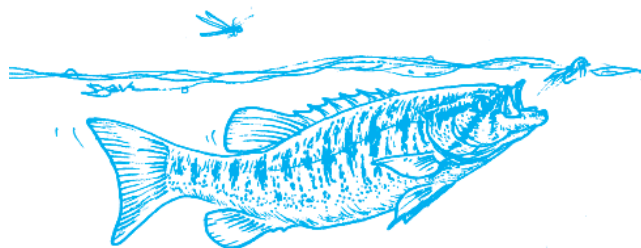
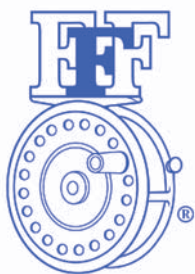
### TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR 2006 AND 2007:

❖ April	to be determined
❖ May 18–20	Bishop/Mammoth
❖ May 24–29	Green River, Utah
❖ June 15–18	Mammoth #1
❖ June 22–27	Clearwater Lodge Trip
❖ July 20–22	Brookie Bash Trip
❖ August 25	Surf Fishing Trip
❖ September 21–23	Mammoth #2
❖ October 26–28	Mammoth #3
❖ November 1–5	Fall Steelhead
❖ December TBD	Delta Striper
❖ December 17	Surf Fishing



# The FFF & Conservation

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT



The following outlines some of the efforts of the Federation of Fly Fishers regarding conservation and protection of our fisheries—more answers to the question “What does the FFF do for me?”

## POSITIONS/LETTERS/PRESS RELEASES:

- ❖ Submitted letter opposing riders on legislation that would weaken protection for salmon recovery in the Pacific Northwest (11/06).
- ❖ Submitted letter urging Senator Thomas (WY) to designate the Snake River as Wild and Scenic (11/06).
- ❖ Submitted letter to PacifiCorp regarding Klamath River dam re-licensing with several fishing organizations (11/06).
- ❖ Submitted letters regarding energy extraction and protection of specific areas from extraction to Senator Burns (MT) and Secretary Kempthorn with Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (11/06).
- ❖ Submitted comments on BLM Bristol Bay Draft EIS Plan (12/06). This plan will provide a comprehensive framework for managing uses of the BLM-administered public lands and resources within the Bristol Bay and Goodnews Bay areas of southwest Alaska. We do not support any mining in this area.



- ❖ Submitted letter to Montana Senate supporting 250' setbacks for development projects in Montana river riparian areas (12/06). The Montana Stream Legacy Act requires all new

homes and commercial buildings to be set back at least 250 feet from the mean high water mark of identified Tier 1 streams.

- ❖ Submitted letter to Senator Crapo (ID) supporting the re-introduction of the Tax Incentive Bill regarding Endangered Species with over 15 hunting, fishing and wildlife organizations (1/07).
- ❖ Submitted personal letter to Senators Crapo (ID), Lincoln (AK), Baucus (MT) and Grassley (IA) in support of re-introduction of Tax Incentive Bill regarding Endangered Species (1/06). The bill is likely to be re-introduced to the 110th Congress in early February.
- ❖ Submitted letter to Montana Senate supporting bridge access to rivers (1/07). The Bill will support the public's right to access Montana's rivers and streams from bridges throughout the state.

## LAWSUITS:

The Federation of Fly Fishers has been actively involved in the fight to recover salmon and steelhead in the Pacific Northwest for the last twenty years. In the form of numerous legal actions, sportsman conservation working groups and outreach, the FFF has weighed in to help protect salmon and steelhead. The following are legal cases that we are currently involved in:

- ❖ Columbia River BiOP. The judge on this case rejected the Biological Opinion (BiOP) for insufficient measures to recover salmon and gave NOAA 1 year to re-write it.
- ❖ NOAA Hatchery Policy. This suit contests the



NOAA policy of grouping hatchery and wild fish populations together for recovery rules. The arguments of this case will likely come before the court early 2007.

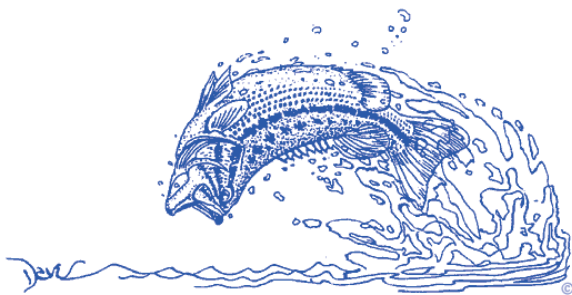
- ❖ NOAA Downlisting of Upper Columbia Steelhead. This suit is in opposition to the downlisting of the Upper Columbia Steelhead.
- ❖ Our very active FFF Steelhead Committee, dedicated to the preservation of wild steelhead, has been a long-time advocate.

#### EMERGING ISSUES:

- ❖ Rivers Coalition Lawsuit, Stuart, Florida. Residents are suing the Army Corps of Engineers for discharges of pollutants and excess freshwater into the St. Lucie River estuary.
- ❖ Big Horn River Flow Issue. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which controls flows on the Bighorn River (MT & WY), plans to set flows at 1,500 cubic feet per second. Fisheries biologists say that flow level would be devastating to fish numbers. To maintain a healthy fishery, flows should not go below a minimum flow of 2,500 cfs. We are following this issue.

#### PROGRAM UPDATES:

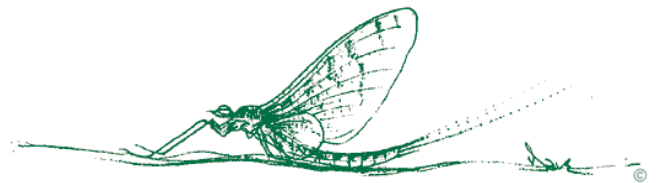
- ❖ Invasive Species Program produced the Ultimate Didymo Resource Disc.
- ❖ Invasive Species Program launched Clean Angling and Boating Pledge nationwide. Please show your support by cleaning your gear and boat after each outing to prevent the spread of unwanted invasive species.



## Payments are Due for the Green River in May and the Clearwater in June!!!

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

If you are planning on attending the Spring or Summer destination trips, the time to act is **NOW!**



As you know, the trips booked through Marriott's must be paid in full 60 days prior to departure. The Green River trip must be paid by the end of March and the Clearwater trip must be paid by the end of April. We may have some limited flexibility in the event of substantial deposits but if it looks like we are not booking all of the rooms or the guides for either trip, we must release them.

These venues are very popular and the space is needed. If we have to release either rooms or guides, we may not be able to get them back if your plans change later.

The Clearwater guides who attended the Pasadena Show were highly complimentary of the club and reported having great fun with us on the water. However, they cautioned that our June trip is during their high season and there will be several hatches going on. It is a time when the guides get booked quite early. If you have signed up and want a specific guide, let me know, preferably by email. That method is less likely to suffer a senior moment.

I hope you can make it.

# Your Proposed LBCC Officers for 2007–2008

**MICK WOODBURY,**  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

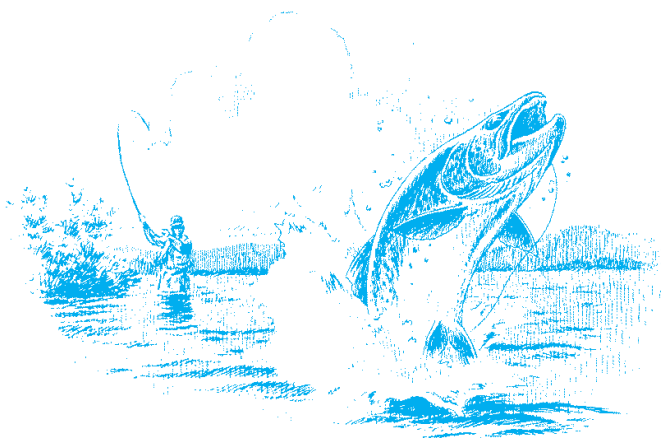
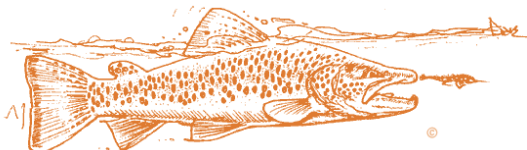
**I**t's time to select new officers for the Long Beach Casting Club. Here is the proposed slate of officers for the 2007–2008 Board of Directors:

President	Dennis McTeer
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Bob Graham
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	to be determined
Corresponding Secretary	Bettye Swart
Recording Secretary	Frank Kropacek
Treasurer	Rich Garrett
Membership Secretary	Mick Woodbury
Captain	Mark Flo
Junior Director	Carole Katz
Senior Director	Rick Hilles
LBCC Advisory Board	All Past Presidents

The election will take place at the Annual General Meeting on April 5, 2007. Any ten members in good standing may nominate other candidates for the same office or offices from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Such nominations shall be made in writing and be signed by said and delivered to the Corresponding Secretary before the election. Refer to the Long Beach Casting Club Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, for the procedure to nominate candidates from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting is your opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the Long Beach Casting Club and to have a say in our club and be a part in its direction.

I hope to see you there.



## LBCC Casting Instructors Workshop

**JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT**

**O**ur annual Casting Instructor's Workshop will be start on March 28<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Casting Clinic (that will be 6 weeks long), and run for three weeks. It will be hosted by Bill Heard .

We have found that having this instructor's workshop helps us to standardize our teaching methods and keeps people "on the same page" while teaching. If you think you want to help with our annual casting clinic you will need to attend these workshops. If you can't attend all of the workshops, please contact Bill at 562-698-6611 to discuss how you can help.

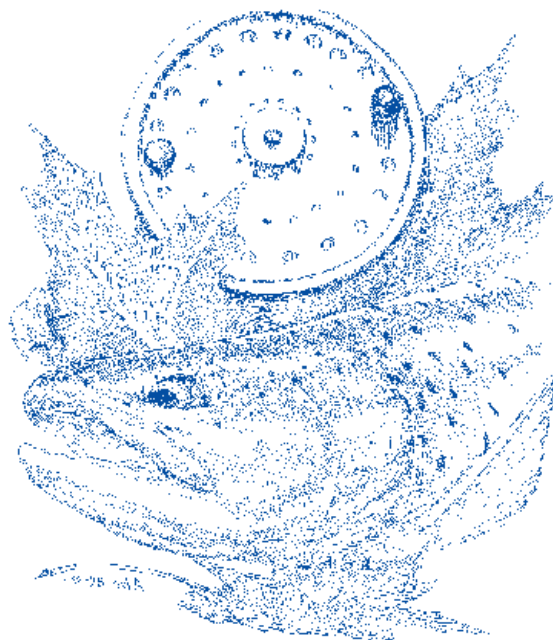
Our club is well known throughout the US for its excellent teaching programs and we want to maintain a quality program for our students. This is why we stress attending our instructor's classes. I look forward to all individuals attending our workshop and let's make our casting classes better then ever.

# Opening Day on the Kern

**BOB GRAHAM, CO 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

The April club trip this year will be to the Kern River. On April 27–29, we'll fish for the big ones. In several past years we have been blown out on this trip. But winter has been relatively mild compared to those years when the river simply roared. We might also try the tributaries or perhaps the Lower Kern where there are large trout in addition to smallmouth bass and crappie. Guy Jeans has recently released a DVD about fishing the Lower Kern and several of the larger trout he depicted in his slide presentation to the club last year came from there!

We have reserved all six cabins at Johnny McNally's. The good news is the rates have not



changed from last year: \$70 per night per cabin. Find a roommate, send me a deposit of \$100 to secure your cabin and let's plan to catch some trout!

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# Fly of the Month: Sadler's Royal Bonefish Special

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Boy, was I wrong! Last month I noted that Jeff Sadler, and rightly so, would probably never know the thrill of fly-fishing in the salt. But no, our Master Pirumaniac has just the ticket for satisfying his bonefishing needs. Through a reliable source I have learned that Jeff has developed a pattern for the day he eventually takes to the flats in search of the elusive bonefish.

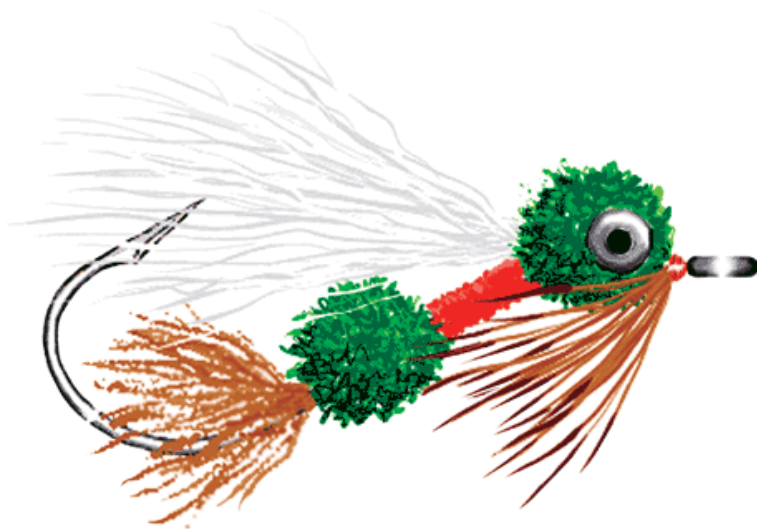
Until you have experienced it, it's hard to understand the thrill of catching a fish in saltwater on a fly rod. Trout are great fun but fly-caught saltwater fish make trout pale in comparison (except, according to Jeff, those caught in Piru Creek or Little Lakes Basin). What I'm not too sure about is, how Jeff is going to fare bonefishing using his 7 foot, 4 weight rod. He may be forced to break out his heavy duty rod: "the Terminator" which is a 7 1/2 foot, 5 weight.

Jeff usually ties this pattern with bead chain eyes and in a bend-back style. According "Mr. Fly-Fishing in L.A.", the resulting fly should work great on the brown or tan colored flats of Christmas Island and across eel grass beds of the Bahamas or Belize. For spooky fish and delicate situations leave off the eyes allowing the fly to land quietly. You will find this to be a very good pattern for our local surf fishing as it does a credible job of imitating a sand crab with an egg cluster for tommycod.

Jeff also says that his fly can also be tied parachute style for use on mullet (the fish, not the hair style) in our local bays, harbors and river channels. It is widely accepted that this pattern imitates floating bits of algae and scum or the odd olive with pimento or a congealed lump of guacamole and salsa adrift on the surface. These foods are often take by these striped, silver leapers and can make excellent sport.

## Materials for Sadler's Royal Bonefish Special:

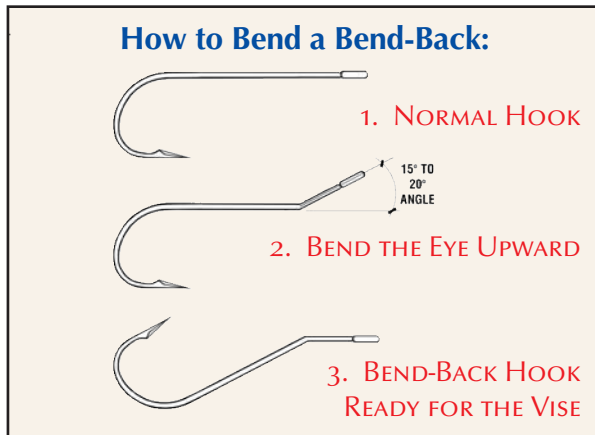
- Hook: Mustad, Tiemco of Eagle Claw standard saltwater hook (cadmium plated or stainless steel) in size #2 to #8
- Thread: 3/0 or 6/0 red
- Eyes: Small silver bead chain or chrome-plated dumbbells (optional depending on conditions and your ability to throw a weighted fly with a short, 4 weight rod) or none at all
- Tail: Brown marabou blood
- Body: 1/2 peacock herl and 1/2 red floss
- Wing: White bear hair or calftail (sparse)
- Head: Peacock herl over eyes.
- Throat: Coachman brown hackle



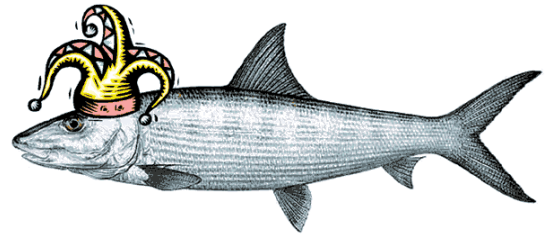


## Instructions for Sadler's Royal Bonefish Special:

- 1 Using two pairs of smooth jawed pliers, grip the shank on either side of a spot about one-fourth the length of the shank behind the eye. Carefully bend the eye of the hook upward at a 15° to 20° angle. Place the hook into the vice with point up and the portion with the hook eye horizontal. Attach the thread to the hook where you bent the shank and wind forward to the headspace.



- 2 Remove a pair of bead chain eyes and attach them to the underside of the hook shank using "X" wraps. Wind the thread down the shank to a spot in line with the hook point.
- 3 Select a fairly scraggly brown turkey marabou blood and tie it in so that the tips extend to the bend of the hook. Tie in a dense strand or two of peacock herl and wind forward about ½ the length of the body. Wind smoothly forward to the bend of the bend-back and tie in a couple of strands of red floss. Wind the floss down to the herl and back to the starting point keeping it smooth. The sharp eyes of the bonefish will notice lumpy floss and may reject the fly.
- 4 Select a sparse bunch of white bear hair or calftail and tie it in over the tail. The wing should extend just beyond the bend of the hook and should angle upward covering the hook point.
- 5 Tie in one or two strands of peacock herl to the far underside of the hook and advance the thread forward to the headspace. Wind the



herl forward to the bead chain eyes. Continue winding the herl using two complete "X" wraps, angling in each direction. With the eyes completely covered continue winding forward to the headspace and tie off.

- 6 Select a soft brown hackle and remove barbs from both sides of the base of the stem. Tie in the barbs "beard fashion" flowing back to the rear section of herl. Wind a small, neat head, whip finish and apply a couple light coats of head cement and Sadler's Royal Bonefish Special is complete and ready to venture where no Sadler has gone before.

## Awards & Installation Banquet

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

Don't forget to send in your reservation for the club's annual Awards & Installation Banquet. The banquet will be at Busters Beach House, 168 N. Marina Drive, Alamitos Bay, on Saturday, April 21 at 6:30 PM.

The deadline for receipt of the RSVP form on the last page of this newsletter is April 12. You'll see a choice of entrees on the RSVP (prime rib, Jamaican chicken, and fresh fish), with a total cost of \$30 per person.

Casting awards will be given, as will special club awards, and the new Board of Directors will be installed. More than that, though, this is a pleasant evening for socializing with friends. No one has to cook or do the dishes. We can all just relax and have fun. Do join us.

# Calendar of Events

## April

1–4	<i>continued</i>		
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Trip: Lee's Ferry, Arizona
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: First Night Orientation
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Night #2
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Kern River
21	Saturday	6:30 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Awards and Installation Banquet at Buster's Beach House
25	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Casting Clinic: Night #3
		6:30 PM	Pond Cleaning
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Past Resident's Dinner at Buster's Beach House
27–29	Weekend		Monthly Meeting: Pat Jaeger, High Water/Early Season Fishing
			Club Trip: Kern River Trip

## May

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Night #4
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting: Old Board/New Board
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Night #5
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Bishop & Mammoth
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Night #6
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Green River Trip
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
18–20	Weekend		Club Trip: Bishop & Mammoth
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
24–29			Club Trip: Green River, Utah
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Conway Bowman, Fishing the Ragged Edge

## June

4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Mammoth #1
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
10	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Clearwater Lodge
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
15–17	Weekend		Club Trip: Mammoth #1
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
22–27			Club Trip: Clearwater Lodge
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Jimmie Morales, the Western Sierra

# High Water Tactics with Pat Jaeger

**DENNIS MC TEER, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

On Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, we are having a regular monthly meeting. Our guest speaker will be Pat Jaeger of the Eastern Sierra Guide Service. In addition to Pat's reputation for putting his clients on fish, he is also one of the premier teachers of fly fishing tactics. Last season the runoff lasted well in to the summer and Pat will give us the techniques and knowledge to deal with those conditions.

Pat has been guiding for over 10 years and has made his home in the area, living the good life, since 1978. Growing up in Orange County, he developed a love for fishing at the local lakes and working as a "pinhead" on the local half day boats, trading his skills with a mop and bucket for a days fishing. He guides most of the year in the Eastern Sierra but also in Northern California and Oregon for steelhead. He's also a serious blue water fisherman and has fished from the Artic Circle to South America and Australia.

We don't normally have an April meeting so this is a 'bonus.' I guess we've been good this year. For my part, I've been eating all my vegetables (except for

the broccoli or brussels sprouts.) Use this meeting as a primer for the new season and come prepared with questions about the Eastern Sierras. So get out of the armchair and come to this month's meeting.

## New Members

**JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Please welcome the following new members who joined us this month:

- ❖ Mike Taylor of Rancho Santa Margarita
- ❖ Jean Ann Dolaway of Manhattan Beach

### DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO BE YOUR LAST TARGET TALK

You don't want to miss any of Graham's "Old Smokey" stories or Van Derhoof's fly patterns.

As of **May 1<sup>st</sup>** your Board of Directors will vote to close renewals and anyone not renewed will be dropped from the 2007-2008 Roster and Target Talk mailing list. Please, if you wish to renew, do so immediately. Also, let me know if choose to drop your membership.

You can contact me at 310-377-3868 or by email at [fotofish@verizon.net](mailto:fotofish@verizon.net).

## AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET



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